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URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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ENCROACHMENT ON DDA LAND
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has not prepared a comprehensive inventory of its land since several years;

(b) if so, the manner by which DDA is aware of its land under encroachment;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by DDA to prepare the inventory of its land and to get all the encroached land vacated;

(d) whether the list of Gram Sabha land has not been prepared;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) the steps taken against the lethargy prevails while performing the duties by the concerned officials;
(g) whether the special task force and District Task Forces have also failed in removing encroachments on Gram Sabha lands and identify the encroached lands; and
(h) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government against the erring officials DDA and Gram Sabha?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): The DDA has prepared a comprehensive inventory of its land in June, 1999.

(b)&(c): The encroached land has been identified in the inventory. DDA has set up a zonal working system to stop encroachments on lands and to take action for removeal of such encroachments. There are six zones and each zone is headed by a Sr. Officer of the rank of Jt./Dy. Director. Regular watch and ward is maintained on DDA`s land by the security guards who aredeployed and assigned specific beat areas. Regular demolition operations are planned and carried out by DDAwith the help of police to check the tendency of encroachments. Instructions have been issued to DDA to make a time bound action plan for removal of such encroachments.

(d)to(f): The DDA has maintained a complete record of Gram Sabha land transferred to it.

(g)to(h): Unauthorised constructions/encroachment on public land in Delhi is a continuing problem and its removal is also a continuous process. As and when unauthorised construction or encroachment on Gram Sabha lands is detected or reported action underthe municipal act and/or the Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954 is taken by the DDA/concerned local body/Govtof NCT of Delhi. TheTask Force set up in 1996 for this purpose also function in this direction.

To tackle the problem of encroachment/unauthorised constrcution, the Government have been emphasising from time to time the need to take action against such unauthorised constructions and to protect public land from encroachment at the initial stage itself, launch criminal trespass cases against encroachers and take action against the delinquent staff, & staff in-charge of watch and ward of such lands. Instructions have also been issued to the land owning agencies, local bodies and DDA to this effect.